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Dear Clr. Crist:

Apologies, but my opinion remains the same. In fact, I think that for the most part, experience will show that economies for those countries on the winning side receive a boost from a war, rather than the opposite.

With respect to federal contributions to the costs of infrastructure, education and health there is no doubt that these should be increased; in fact, with respect to health, the feds should ante up according to the agreement with the provinces, viz. closer to 50-cents of every dollar.

That said, as is usual with government at all levels in this country, I believe you will agree that, properly spent, there is **more** than enough money to go around to cover **all** of our necessities and still have dollars left over to pay off some of the national debt. But, instead, the people allow governments to spend on unaccountable HRDC scams, on Bombardier SkyTrains instead of on more economical transit solutions that would achieve our stated goals; on gold-plated FastCats instead of ferries appropriate to the runs; on gold-plated e-Comm systems that leave citizens unprotected and on gold-plated severance packages to departing bureaucrats who lack any vestige of conscience.

So, rather than this type of motion, I would prefer Council to concentrate on fulfilling its chief mandate - parks and recreation, water, sewers, zoning and by-law regulations, garbage collection etc. If/when it has done that job with efficiency, fiscal prudence and accountability then it can start looking beyond its boundaries. To this point, I don't see/hear District citizens clamouring to have Council speak to the Federal Government about wars.....they want to see our own messes cleaned up first.

Lastly, if members of Council, or individuals and groups within the community feel strongly enough about the looming war with Iraq they/we are all free to lobby the Prime Minister or our MP's them/ourselves - and I believe that's as it should be.

Sincerely,

Liz James

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